

 **WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**
CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION CONCERNING
WKU STUDENTS ENROLLED IN STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Western Kentucky University requires that all students participating in study abroad programs or related activities understand and agree to the following participation and responsibility requirements and waiver. The completion and return of this form is a **requirement for participation** in all WKU and non-WKU-sponsored education abroad programs.

Please return the signed document to the Office of International Programs immediately.

In addition, student participants should be aware of the following:

I. MEDICAL INSURANCE / HEALTH CARE COSTS AND EXPENSES

It is important to realize that most U.S. insurance coverage is **not** recognized overseas. The student will normally pay for medical service and fill out a claim form for be returned to the home company for reimbursement. It is imperative for students to know the limits of their coverage and to carry at least one claim form to be signed by the appropriate medical persons abroad to facilitate reimbursement. Students may wish to purchase emergency evacuation and repatriation insurance before they begin their program abroad.

It is the student's responsibility to insure that he/she has health and/or hospitalization insurance, which is applicable in countries other than the United States.

II. PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Students desiring to obtain personal liability coverage may do so on a local basis or avail themselves of coverage that their parents may have with their Home Owners Policy.

STUDENT'S SAFETY, BEHAVIORAL RESPONSIBILITIES, AND MENTAL HEALTH

Safety

Students and parents should inform themselves completely about the risks of foreign travel and participation in study abroad programs. The University does not guarantee quality of the participation experience, including any non-WKU Sponsored programs.

Students are asked to recognize and acknowledge the risks of any experience outside their own culture and to adjust their behavior, dress, and activities to maximize their own and the group's safety.

Behavioral Responsibilities

The student is responsible for controlling, comporting and conforming their behavior while participating in their particular Program. As a guest in another country, there are certain behaviors, which are considered unacceptable and could lead to possible disruption of the program. The student shall conduct himself/herself in an appropriate manner, which does not infringe upon the customs and mores of the country in which the program is being conducted, nor upon the rights and safety of the student and of other participants of the program. Behavioral responsibilities shall be applicable during the course of the program both when in the company of other program participants and when the student is physically separated from other program participants. In addition, the student will be responsible for adhering to all policies outlined in the "Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities" portion of the Western Kentucky University Catalog and Hilltopics, the student handbook. Any behavior that is in violation of University policies could result in the student being

dismissed or suspended from the program without a refund and returned to the United States at their own expense.

Mental Health

Western Kentucky University does not employ or retain mental health professionals abroad. If a student is experiencing emotional or other personal problems that may require medical or mental health treatment, the student should consult with their current mental health provider prior to engaging in study abroad programs to discuss the potential stress of studying abroad. The student should know that mental health treatment may not be as widely accessible abroad as it is in the United States.

I, _____ (name), acknowledge that I have carefully read and understand the above statements.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____
of Parent/ (Needed if under 18 years of age)
Guardian

Printed Name: _____

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE

The undersigned, _____(name), for and in consideration of and as a condition of the University permitting said student to participate in study abroad program(s) does hereby release and discharge Western Kentucky University, its employees, agents, and /or officers, from any and all claims, demands or damages which may arise from loss or injury of any nature to the person or property of the undersigned as a result of any act of proven negligence on the part of the University, its employees, agents and/or officers, while student is in route to, located in another country, or returning from a foreign country or countries in said program, or participating in any other study abroad activity.

The Undersigned further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the University, its employees, agents, and /or officers from any and all loss, damage, or expense incurred as a result of student's participation in said programs.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

If the participant is **under 18 years of age**, the following must be completed by the parent or legal guardian:

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the participant, that I have read and understood the above RELEASE, and that I accept and will be bound by its terms and conditions on my own behalf and on behalf of my son/daughter.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guard: _____

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PEOPLE TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Name _____

Relationship _____

Telephone: Home (____) _____

Work (____) _____

Mobile (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name _____

Relationship _____

Telephone: Home (____) _____

Work (____) _____

Mobile (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

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